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SUBJECT: VOLTAN ARMS REQUEST

REF: A) STATE 42394 B) STATE 042842

1. HAVING PROMISED TO KEEP HIM INFORMED ON STATUS OF VOLTAN ARMS PURCHASES IN U.S. (OUAGA 332), I CALLED ON PRESIDENT LAMIZANA AT MY REQUEST LATER AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 26. TO MY SURPRISE, I DISCOVERED THAT PRESIDENT HAD NOT YET HEARD FROM AMBASSADOR YAGUIBOU.

2. I GAVE LAMIZANA GIST OF AIDE-MEMOIRE TRANSMITTED REFTEL (A) AND EXPLAINED U.S. POSITION IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAS 2 AND 4 REFTEL (B).

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3. LAMIZANA TOOK NEWS MUCH BETTER THAN I HAD EXPECTED.

HE SAID HE REGRETTED DECISION BUT ADDED HE SAW SOME LOGIC IN NOT TAKING STEPS AT THIS POINT WHICH MIGHT UPSET WORK OF MEDIATION COMMISSION. HE INTIMIDATED THAT, IF AND WHEN CURRENT BORDER DISPUTE WITH MALI IS FINALLY SETTLED, UPPER VOLTA MIGHT RENEW ITS REQUEST FOR U.S. ARMS IN ORDER NOT TO HAVE TO FACE AGAIN, FROM ANY OF ITS NEIGHBORS, THE HUMILIATING EXPERIENCE OF LAST DECEMBER. HE AGAIN DEPLORED THE NEED FOR UPPER VOLTA TO WASTE ITS MEAGER RESOURCES ON ARMAMENTS WHEN THERE WAS SO MUCH TO BE DONE TO IMPROVE STANDARD OF LIVING OF VOLTAN POPULATION. BUT, HE SAID, HE HAD LEARNED HIS LESSON AND NOW FULLY UNDERSTOOD THAT "IN ORDER TO HAVE PEACE, ONE MUST PREPARE FOR WAR."

4. I ASKED LAMIZANA HOW WORK OF MEDIATION COMMISSION WAS PROGRESSING. HE SAID THAT LEGAL SUBCOMMISSION HAD ASSEMBLED AN IMPRESSIVE DOCUMENTATION, INCLUDING MAPS AND COLONIAL DECREES, PRACTICALLY ALL OF WHICH REINFORCED UPPER VOLTA'S CLAIM. HE ADDED THAT FRANCE HAD BEEN MOST HELPFUL RECENTLY AND THAT HE WAS REGULARLY GETTING USEFUL DOCUMENTATION FROM THE FRENCH EMBASSY. HE ASSUMED THIS DOCUMENTATION WAS ALSO BEING MADE AVAILABLE IN LOME AND BAMAKO. UNFORTUNATELY, HE SAID, MALI STILL REFUSED TO ALLOW MILITARY SUBCOMMISSION TO INSPECT MALI'S SIDE OF CONTESTED AREA, VIOLATING THEREBY TERMS OF LOME COMMUNIQUE. IN CIRCUMSTANCES, HE COULD NOT VENTURE A GUESS AS TO WHEN MEDIATION COMMISSION MIGHT COMPLETE ITS WORK. MUCH WOULD DEPEND ON MOUSSA TRAORE'S ABILITY TO CONTROL YOUNGER MEMBERS OF MILITARY COMMITTEE NONE OF WHOM WERE OLD ENOUGH TO KNOW WHAT WAR WAS ALL ABOUT. WITH MEN LIKE DOUKARA AROUND HIM, LAMIZANA CONCLUDED, TRAORE IS IN TROUBLE, ESPECIALLY SINCE HE IS NOW BEING ACCUSED OF BEING TOO CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH UPPER VOLTA (ACCORDING TO LAMIZANA, TRAORE'S MOTHER IS FROM UPPER VOLTA).

5. COMMENT: LAMIZANA DID NOT APPEAR TO BE UNDULY SURPRISED OR SHOCKED BY DEPARTMENT'S DECISION. I ASSUME THAT DAKOURE'S EFFORTS IN EUROPE HAVE BEEN FAR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MORE PRODUCTIVE THAN YAGUIBOU'S, AND THAT UPPER VOLTA HAS BEEN ABLE TO ACQUIRE A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF ARMS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES IN EUROPE.
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